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SUBJECT: H DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

FOR THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY

THE FOLLOWING DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT FROM H WAS INADVERT-
ENTLY NOT INCLUDED IN TOSEC 200029 AND TODEP 49:

1. SIDEWINDERS FOR SAUDI ARABIA. FASCELL TOLD US TODAY
THAT HIS SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WHICH
ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE
SALE OF 1,000 SIDEWINDERS NOW, PROVIDED THERE IS AN
ASSURANCE THAT, IF THE ADMINISTRATION DECIDES TO SELL AN
ADDITIONAL 1,000, WE WILL AGAIN COME TO CONGRESS. DOD
HAS HEARD A SIMILAR PROPOSITION FROM SENATOR CASE'S STAFF.

2. JORDAN HAWKS. DANTE FASCELL HAS ASKED THE GAO FOR AN
OPINION ON WHETHER THE LETTER OF OFFER (LOA) ON THE HAWK
MISSILE SYSTEM FOR JORDAN SHOULD BE RESUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.

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WE TOLD FASCELL'S STAFF THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF RE-

SUBMITTING THE LOA. THE STAFF HAS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO INFORM THE COMMITTEE OFFICIALLY OF OUR INTENTIONS ON THE HAWK, PREFERABLY PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF THE GAO OPINION. FASCELL COULD THEN ACCEPT OUR EXPLANATION FOR THIS CASE AND URGE US TO FOLLOW GAO GUIDANCES IN ANY FUTURE ANALOGOUS TRANSACTION. WE ARE WORKING WITH NEA ON THIS.

3. SPANISH BASES. THE HIRC BY UHANIMOUS VOICE VOTE REPORTED OUT THE FASCELL BILL WHICH OBLIGATES FUNDS FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE TREATY. WE EXPECT FLOOR ACTION NEXT WEEK.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY. CONGRESSMEN FRASER AND KOCH SUBJECTED HEW RYAN TO A GRUELING TWO-HOUR HEARING DURING WHICH BOTH CONGRESSMEN ATTACKED WHAT THEY SEE AS A LACK OF CREDIBILITY IN THE DEPARTMENT'S STAND ON URUGUAY. BOTH FRASER AND KOCH ARE CONVINCED THE GOU IS GUILTY OF A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. KOCH, IN PARTICULAR, CHARGES THAT AMBASSADOR SIRAAUSA IS MISLEADING THE DEPARTMENT IN HIS REPORTING ON THE SITUATION. HARRINGTON WAS ALSO PRESENT BRIEFLY BUT ONLY SUBMITTED WRITTEN QUESTIONS. FRASER ALSO QUESTIONED RON PALMER AT LENGTH ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROCEDURES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. RON FIELDLED THE QUESTIONS WELL, POINTING OUT THAT WE ARE STILL STUDYING THE NEW LEGISLATION- AFTER THE HEARING, FRASER INDICATED AN INTEREST IN GETTING INTO EXACTLY HOW WE INTEND TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION.

5. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. IN PAYMENT FOR SOME APPOINTMENTS HE HAD BEEN SEEKING, SENATOR TOWER TODAY RELEASED HIS HOLD ON THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION BILL WHICH INCLUDES THE STEVENSON-WILLIAMS ANTI-BOYCOTT AMENDMENT. MANSFIELD HAS

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ALREADY SAID HE HOPES TO BRING THE BILL TO THE FLOOR BEFORE THE AUGUST 11 RECESS. CHANCES OF EXCISING THE ANTI-BOYCOTT LANGUAGE ON THE SENATE FLOOR APPEAR VERY POOR. AS A RESULT, MORGAN AND ZABLOCKI MAY FIND IT MORE DIFFICULT TO
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DRAG THEIR HEELS ON HIRC CONSIDERATION OF THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE BILL. HOWEVER, WE THINK CHANCES REMAIN GOOD FOR A DEADLOCK ON THE BOYCOTT ISSUE, LEADING TO A LAST MINUTE SIMPLE EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT, WHICH EXPIRES ON SEPTEMBER 30.

6. OECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND (SAFETY NET). DESPITE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT BY THE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY, THE

SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE IS NO FURTHER ALONG IN SCHEDULING MARKUP OF THE SAFETY NET LEGISLATION THAN A MONTH AGO. PROXMIRE IS NEGATIVE, STEVENSON IS LUKEWARM AT BEST AND WE HAVE NO ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS, EVEN AMONG THE REPUBLICANS. SINCE TOWER TODAY RELEASED HIS HOLD ON THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT BILL, THAT POSSIBLE BARGAINING LEVER WITH STEVENSON HAS NOW BEEN LOST. THE NEXT GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PUSH FOR MARKUP COMES SHORTLY AFTER THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, AT WHICH TIME WE PLAN TO UP THE LEVEL OF PRESSURE.

7. AMBASSADORIAL CONFIRMATIONS. THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED THE NOMINATIONS OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATES LOW (ZAMBIA) LOZANO (EL SALVADOR), AND RAWLS (ALTERNATE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT THE UN. HABIB

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